

24TH **NDM** AGENDA

ALL TIMES IN CEST:
CENTRAL EUROPEAN
SUMMER TIME

14:00-15:00

15:00-16:00

16:00-16:30

16:30-17:30

17:30-18:30

24 MAY

Unofficial
Online
Reception

25 MAY

Opening
Ceremony

PLENARY
Staying the Course:
Mine Action Financing
in Times of Scarcity

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(3)

PLENARY
Novel Approaches in
Mine Action

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Engagement Matters

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Localizing Mine Action:
How to Improve

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PLENARY
Capacity Development:
Opportunities and Impact

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PLENARY
Inclusion and Diversity:
Racial Equity in Mine Action

Closing
Ceremony

**STAYING THE COURSE: MINE ACTION
FINANCING IN TIMES OF SCARCITY**

25 May
15:00-16:00

The COVID-pandemic and its effects on the global economy are putting pressure on donor budgets that are often tied to GDP, while at the same time the pandemic has exacerbated needs and exposed vulnerable populations to new threats – ranging from increased attacks on civilians to a rise in gender-based violence, resulting in an increase in the size of humanitarian appeals.

Building on efforts over the past years to improving efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian action as a whole, the mine action sector should accelerate reforms and encourage innovation, explore novel financing methods and maximize the impact of existing resources. Panelists will discuss innovative financing ideas such as social impact bonds and crowd funding; speakers could include donors, NGOs or academia, who could discuss progress on their respective experience with commitments of the Grand Bargain such efforts towards donor diversification and multi-annual and unearmarked funding.

**NOVEL APPROACHES
IN MINE ACTION**

25 May
17:30-18:30

The mine action sector has significantly evolved in the past two decades, as an effect both of the evolving normative framework and the changing operational context. Innovative approaches – policy-related and operational – have played a key role in better equipping national authorities and all other stakeholders to address challenges posed by explosive ordnance. The land release approach, for example, has allowed the sector to accelerate progress towards completion of clearance obligations, promoting an evidence-based and therefore effective allocation of clearance resources.

As the operating landscape continues to change – with conflicts increasingly protracted and contamination occurring in complex urban environments, mine action challenges evolve as seen in the COVID pandemic which imposed an adaptation of operations. Panelists will demonstrate innovative approaches that can help the sector ensure it stays the course towards its commitments and obligations.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
MATTERS**

26 May
14:00-15:00

“Community engagement is the process by which organizations and individuals build a long-term relationship with collective vision for the benefit of the community” (WHO). Populations must be involved in the decisions that concern them. This session will address the threefold issues of i) where does the mine action sector stand in terms of community engagement; ii) what works well; iii) what can be done better. Speakers from affected countries and the international community will be invited to discuss their approaches to community engagement in and beyond mine action.

**LOCALIZING MINE ACTION:
HOW TO IMPROVE**

26 May
17:30-18:30

Commitments from donors and humanitarian organizations made at the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016 on localization of humanitarian assistance included channelling 25% of funding through national NGOs. This session will explore recent and promising practices on localizing mine action. Participants will also discuss, inter alia: promoting local leadership, participation and innovation in mine action; strengthening technical and institutional capacities of local mine action organizations; increasing cooperation between donors, government ministries, humanitarian and development actors.

**CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT:
OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPACT**

27 May
14:00-15:00

Effective mine action requires ownership and long-term commitment at the national level. For this reason, the strengthening of national structures and development of national sustainable capacities has been a long-time concern for the sector, and of investment on the part of the international community, in terms both of financial support by donors and technical/expert support by UN agencies, international organizations and operators.

After more than two decades of work – initially spurred by the conclusion of the APMBC in 1997 and its subsequent entry into force in 1999 – and in the context of evolving challenges, this panel will take a broad look at capacity development/strengthening by addressing questions relating to sustainability; embedding mine action into the wider security sector; progress and effectiveness; as well as transition and exit strategies.

**INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY: RACIAL
EQUITY IN MINE ACTION**

27 May
16:30-17:30

This session aims to showcase and encourage leadership on diversity, inclusion and racial equity in the mine action sector by taking stock of the situation and discussing related issues. Inspired by the call of the United Nations Secretary-General for global engagement to understand and address the way racism and discrimination manifest themselves in the work environment, this plenary will offer a space for initial exchange and dialogue also on equality, equity, discrimination as well as intersectionality. It is hoped this discussion will pave the way for concrete initiatives to increase inclusivity, diversity and respect in mine action.